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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
THOMAS NGUYEN

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING THE BACKSIDE FAULTS DURING
 WAFER PROCESSING**

Assigned to:

Application Elements:

- ☒ 31 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ 8 Sheets of formal Drawings
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Accompanying Application Parts:

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